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Timely Tidbits ...

Permit Application Judged Incomplete

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently informed Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., that the company's permit application for a hazardous wastewater treatment, storage, and deepwell disposal facility, to be located on its Citrin Drive property, has been rejected because it was "administratively incomplete."

The DEQ letter further noted that, "To pursue the construction permit further, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) must submit either replacement pages or a new application to address all of the administrative completeness deficiencies."

Among those deficiencies noted were:

- the lack of final federal UIC (Underground Injection Control) Program permits (the EDS application contained only draft UIC permits);
- information which may have been contained somewhere in the application, but was not present in the referenced sections that must function as stand-alone documents; and
- superfluous information which the DEQ requested EDS to remove from its next application out of courtesy to both agency and public reviewers.

According to Steven Sliver, an environmental engineer for the DEQ's Waste Management Division, the rejection of an initial permit application is routine.

"In the past 10 years, I can't recall a single application that was accepted on its first submission," he explained. "The complexity of the application makes it almost impossible to dot every 'i' and cross every 't' the first time."

EDS vice-president Austin Marshall said that the company may be ready to resubmit its application in as few as 30 to 60 days. "We look forward to responding to the State's requests, and to moving ahead with the permitting process," he said. □

4-year-term Question Sparks Controversy



Councilman Bill Crova



Councilwoman Mary Collins



Councilman Michael Prybyla

By Kristi Stephens

A couple of local citizens who favor amending the Romulus City Charter to extend the terms of the City's elected officials from two to four years sparked a lengthy and sometimes heated discussion among City Council members at their February 3 meeting.

When Dawn Smith and Debbie Chase of Romulus appeared before the Council last Monday, they presented petitions bearing an unspecified number of signatures from registered voters who would like Council to place the term-length question on an upcoming election ballot and put it to a public vote.

In support of the petitioners' request, Smith cited:

- the fact that many of the cities in our area have already established four-year terms for their elected officials (as have all townships, due to a State mandate);
- her belief that too much time is spent on campaigning under a two-year system;
- the expense that the City incurs each time an election is held; and
- a theory that extended terms make government more effective because the resulting increase in job stability makes it easier to attract key people.

But Smith maintained that the most important reason for putting the proposed Charter amendment on a ballot was to put the decision in the hands of the City's voters.

First to address the petitioners was Councilman Michael Prybyla, who – after reminding his colleagues that he was not asking them to decide the term-length issue itself – said that he'd like to "see to it that citizens have a chance to vote on this," and made a motion to place the proposed amendment on an upcoming ballot. Following a second from Councilman William Crova, discussion ensued.

Said Councilman William Wadsworth, "I personally would like to see terms be extended from two to four years, but, in my first 12 years here [on City Council], the people of this town told us on three separate occasions that they weren't in favor of [longer terms]."

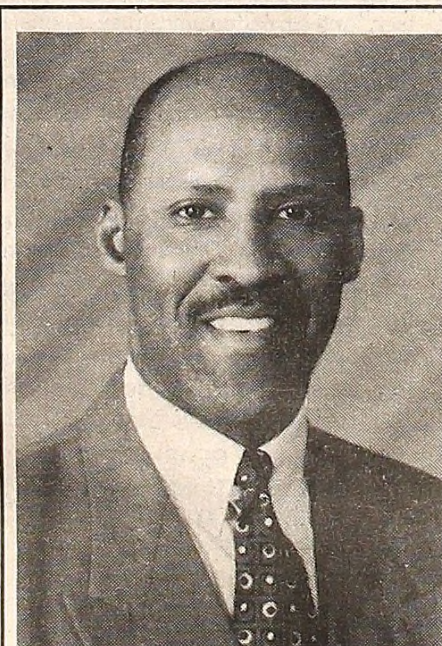
Wadsworth proposed an alternative to placing the single issue of four-year terms on the ballot: "I think that we

definitely need to revisit the Charter – I think there's numerous things in the Charter that need to be looked over ... and one of those things obviously is the terms that we do serve ... [but] to put this one item on the ballot is just self-serving for us up here. ...

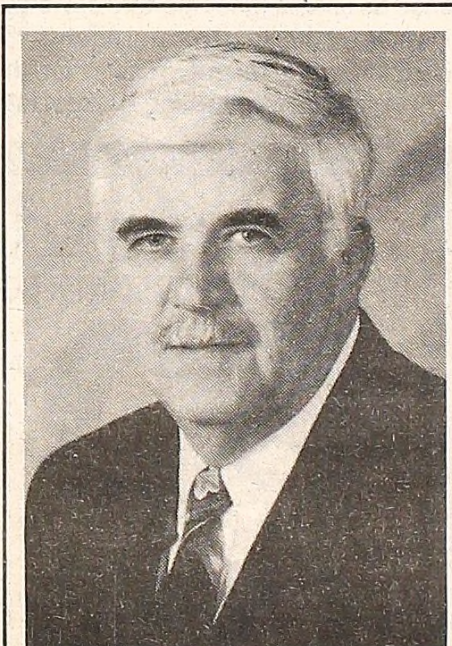
"[So] What I would like to see is this Council come up with a Charter Review Board, and let the people take that document that we've used for the past 28 years, and start on page one and go all the way to [the end] ... and look at many things ..."

Council Chairman Randolph Gear was vocal in his support of Wadsworth's proposal, adding his own feelings about

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Councilman Randolph Gear



Councilman William Wadsworth

The Editor's Opinion

Resolution Smacks of Paranoia

By Kristi Stephens

Not long ago, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) negotiated a "community agreement" with the Environmental Concerns Association, a citizens' group comprised of people who reside near the company's proposed well site on Citrin Drive. The purpose of the agreement – which was *not* to grant EDS authority to operate a well, but to provide for a variety of extra safety measures *if the government ever granted EDS an operating permit* – was plainly spelled out in the document, which was later forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for inclusion in EDS' permit application file.

Yet on Monday, January 27, at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council, six of its seven members (Councilman Jimmie Raspberry was the only exception) passed Resolution 97-043, which stated: "Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to send a communication to the DEQ that no committee including Environmental Concerns Association (E.C.A.) or any other group has authorization to represent the City of Romulus. Further, the majority of the Romulus City Council is the only authority that represents the City of Romulus. Finally, to request that this resolution be placed on file in the application request and all further permitting requests from Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. for deep wells."

DUH!

You don't need a degree in political science to know that unauthorized citizens' groups *never* have the authority to make a legally binding agreement on behalf of *any* government body. And since the ECA has never misrepresented itself as speaking for the City of Romulus or any other government agency, it's hard to see a rational reason for the Council's drastic reaction – especially

since (as Mr. Jim Rarey pointed out at the February 3 Council meeting) it has never shown similar concern about communications that have been sent to various government agencies by groups such as Romulus Environmentalists Care About People (RECAP).

I'm certain that our Councilmen don't *really* mean to imply that only citizens who agree with them have the right to an opinion, or to participate in government, so it's unfortunate when they take actions that make it seem that way.

Like it or not, the permit application process provides for input from *all* citizens. And while we at *The Romulus News* may question the ethics and/or financial wisdom of opposing the EDS well projects, as well as the veracity of certain statements made by a few of the more vocal anti-well activists, we have never questioned anyone's *right* to disagree with us, or to express their disagreement to any government body at the local, county, state, or federal level.

City Council has already made its position crystal clear to the State of Michigan. To send a communication containing such insultingly obvious information about other citizens' point of view smacks of paranoia – or worse.

If nothing else, Resolution 97-043 was a waste of the money that the City of Romulus will have to pay to have it published as part of its legal notices, not to mention the postage that will be spent to send it to Lansing. □

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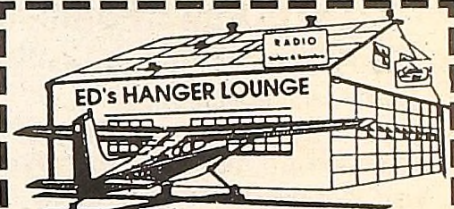
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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Reader Draws Parallels Between Trains, Wells

Letter to the Editor:

When concerns regarding railroad whistles were raised at a recent Romulus City Council meeting, it brought to mind some interesting questions.

When asked why no one has enforced the railroad noise ordinance which was passed when ex-Councilman Ellis Pennington was still in office, the Council and the City Clerk seemed to imply that the City can do nothing because the Federal government's control of this particular matter supersedes our ordinances. In fact, it was further explained that the Federal government recently raised allowable train-noise levels because of the increased sound-proofing in today's automobiles.

Being overruled by Federal laws on the railroad matter sounds really similar to the City's inability to use its ordinances to stop the I-94 communications tower, the Airport noise problem, or Airport expansion – not to mention the still-unsettled issue of hazardous-waste disposal facilities. Each of these types of problems are managed and controlled by some group other than the City. Why? The answer is simple.

When it comes to train whistles, the answer is fairly clear. The railroads and the Federal government have decided that it is more important to have loud whistles than to have more accidents and deaths. Some Romulus citizens want to reduce or eliminate whistles, and I can understand their concern over noise levels; however, I am glad that the Federal government has looked at the bigger picture and done the right thing for our safety.

The I-94 tower, Airport noise, and Airport expansion issues are similar, but different. The issue with regard to these situations is not safety, but regional planning decisions which the City of Romulus has little to say about because it doesn't control the State Department of Transportation, the County, or the Federal Aviation Administration. We learned that we can't stop the State from putting a tower on I-94. We learned

that we can't make the County stop Airport noise, or stop it from putting a new runway a few hundred feet from the intersection of Grant and Wayne Road (which, no doubt, will reduce the property value of many of homes in the downtown Romulus area).

Why isn't the City doing anything about these problems? The answer is that they don't control the decisions being made by the County, the State, or the United States government. Don't get me wrong – I'm sure that Mayor Oakley and the Council are doing all they can – but we still ended up with the I-94 tower, and we'll still have a new runway right next to the Airport industrial park behind City Hall.

Why doesn't the City sue the State, the County, or the Federal government over these matters? Probably because it knows that it would lose, and because it would cost *lots* of money.

That brings us to the deepwell matter. In this case, someone must feel that either the City can win or else the Council is just afraid to back out of this lawsuit because of personal political concerns. It is clear that the City does not control the decision of whether a well will be permitted. That decision is controlled by the State and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

So why is the City spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in court fighting EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.) when the State will make the decision? Why is the City continuing this lawsuit when City attorneys recommended that the City settle the matter?

On many occasions, I have seen citizens ask the Council, "What are our chances of winning this suit – and, if we do win, *what* do we win?" The Council never answers either of these questions. How can the Council believe that there's a good chance of winning if its own lawyers wanted it to settle? The more interesting question is, "What would the City win?" As I see it, the City cannot win anything except the privilege of not having to pay damages. Some say that the City can win a permanent injunction to stop the Northline Road deepwell project, but the State's decision could overrule even an injunction of this type, so we spend all this money and all we get is the risk of having to pay damages.

The State can also issue a permit on EDS' second site, for which there is no existing lawsuit.

The bottom line is: the State controls the deepwell issue, not the City. In a way, there is very little difference

between the railroad whistles and the injection-well decision. The sooner that the Council realizes this, the sooner it will start looking out for the City's interests instead of its own.

If I am wrong, and the Council feels that we really can win something, and that we can really control this issue, then I respectfully request the Council to publicly explain why my view is wrong.

Dolores Witzgall

ECA Member Responds to Council's Criticism

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the Romulus City Council's recent criticism of efforts made by the Environmental Concerns Association (ECA) to negotiate an agreement with Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) in order to provide protections for residents living near the company's Citrin Drive site *if and only if* the State allows the proposed deepwell project to go ahead. (The ECA consists of a group of residents living near the proposed project located off of Inkster Road.)

This appears to be politics at its worst. When I asked the Council if it knew of anything wrong with the agreement, I got no response. Most Council members admitted that they had not read the agreement.

One resident also offered two criticisms to which I will respond. The first was that ECA residents did not represent the community. This resident spoke as if the only "community" that could negotiate anything was the City of Romulus. We disagree, and we told the Council that this agreement was not negotiated on behalf of the City, but only on behalf of residents living near the well site. Citizen negotiations of this type are recommended by the State, particularly in cases where municipal governments refuse to do so. Finally, concerning the resident's objection to a provision requiring the deepwell company to provide an annual scholarship to a resident in the ECA group's area, we interpret this as jealousy, not intelligence. If the scholarship is the only part of the agreement that is of concern, it sounds like we have a pretty good agreement.

Susan Cislo □

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WW Says Beat Winter's Blues By Baking

By Florine Mark, President and CEO, Weight Watchers International

With the temperature dipping down well below the freezing point in many parts of the country, a lot of us are finding ourselves spending more time indoors. Try taking advantage of this time and experiment by baking low-fat recipes. It's a great winter pastime, and also helps to warm up the house with the rich aroma of freshly baked treats.

To be sure you're not the only one eating your wonderful creations, share them with others. Pack them in your children's lunches, offer to bring them at gatherings of friends and family, or store them in the freezer for a later date.

Blueberry Gingerbread is an excellent baked good to give as an offering. In the Middle Ages, the fair ladies

offered gingerbread to the knights before they went into tournament battles. This would definitely be a good offering to bring to a party or to give the knight in shining armor who just finished shoveling your driveway!

When cut, **Rollled Orange Sponge Cake** makes an attractive pinwheel design for elegant entertaining. The recipe can also be altered by deleting the orange zest and substituting the orange spreadable fruit with your favorite fruit flavor such as strawberry or lemon.

During this cold season, don't let the weather get you down. Get up and get cooking in the kitchen. By exploring the endless possibilities of baking, you'll be beating the winter blues and beating-up some great recipes.

Blueberry Gingerbread

makes 8 servings

- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8" round cake pan with nonstick spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, ginger, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

In small bowl, combine yogurt and molasses. Add yogurt mixture and 1/2 cup boiling water to flour mixture; with wire whisk, blend just until combined. Transfer mixture to prepared cake pan. Sprinkle evenly with blueberries. Bake 20-25 minutes, until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Each serving provides: 1/4 Fruit/Veg-etable, 3/4 Bread, 50 Bonus Calories.

Per serving: 139 Calories, 0 g. Total Fat, 0 g. Saturated Fat, 0 mg. Cholesterol, 190 mg. Sodium, 32 g. Total Carbohydrate, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 2 g. Protein, 65 mg. Calcium.

Source: *Weight Watchers Quick Meals*, 1995

Rollled Orange Sponge Cake

makes 10 servings

- 2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
- 4 large eggs, separated
- 3 egg whites, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons finely grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup minus 1 tablespoon sifted cake flour
- 1/2 cup + 2 tablespoons orange spreadable fruit

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 15.5x 10.5x1" jelly-roll pan with wax paper. Dust clean dish towel with 1 tablespoon of the confectioners sugar; set aside.

In medium bowl, with mixer on medium speed, beat all 7 egg whites until soft peaks form; set aside.

In large bowl, with whisk, beat egg yolks until thick; gradually beat in granulated sugar, beating until thick and light. Add orange zest, juice, and salt; beat to combine. Gradually stir in cake flour, mixing well. Stir 1/4 of the beaten egg whites into batter; fold in remaining whites. Evenly spread batter into prepared pan. Bake 12-15 minutes, until golden (top should spring back when touched lightly with finger).

To remove cake from pan, insert a thin knife around edge of pan; invert cake onto prepared dish towel. Peel paper off cake. Starting at a narrow end, roll cake up with a towel. Transfer rolled cake to rack; let cool.

Unroll cake, removing towel. Evenly spread spreadable fruit over cake; re-roll. Arrange cake seam-side down, on serving platter. Sprinkle with the remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners sugar.

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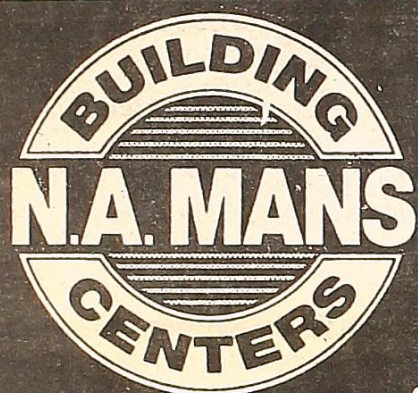
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Source: *The Weight Watchers Complete Cookbook & Program Basics*, 1994

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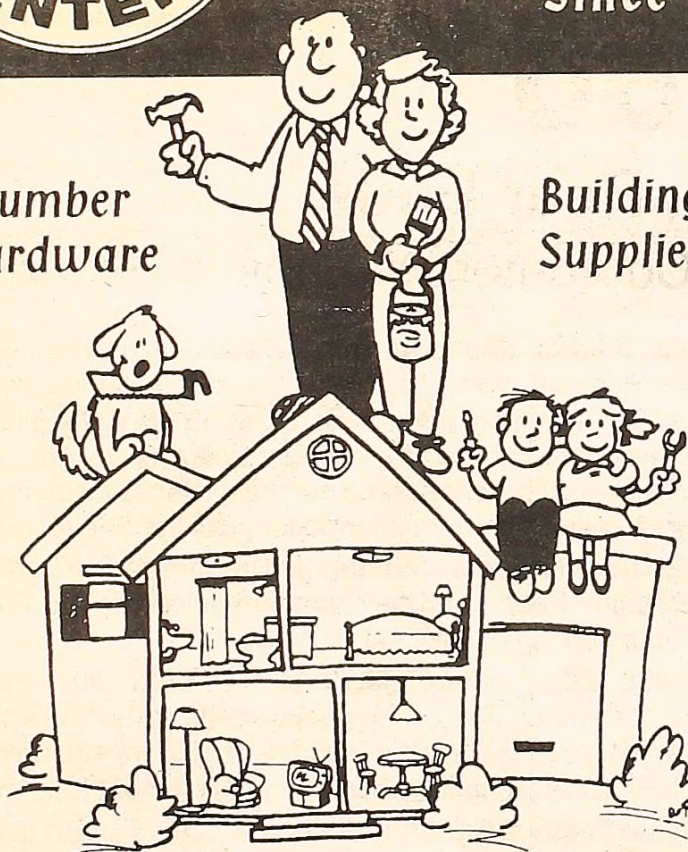
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PETITIONERS FAVOR 4-YEAR TERMS

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extended terms: "Granted, a two-year term is costly . . . [but] I guess the question I want to ask the voters of the City of Romulus . . . is, 'Do you feel, personally, that you would like to see your elected officials come to your door every two years, and ask for your vote and for your support, or would you like to wait and see them every four years?' . . . Personally, I feel that the elected officials . . . should be held accountable [to the citizens] every two years . . ."

But although Councilman Crova also believes that much of the Charter needs to be reconsidered, he was staunch in his support of voters who would like to address term lengths soon.

"I agree with [Councilman Wadsworth] — there are a number of things that need to be reviewed in our charter and taken care of, but I think one of the strongest items that needs to be [addressed] is stable government."

He continued: "I believe that a four-year term would give us stable government. It would give the administration the opportunity to hire people and put their programs into implementation, rather than taking a brand-new administration and taking them six months to get used to the job and six months to do the job and another year to campaign for reelection."

"We're not asking — nor was the petitioner asking — for a special elec-

tion; it was asked to be placed on the ballot [in an upcoming election]. There's no cost to the City of Romulus. All we're really doing is giving the people of Romulus the opportunity to make the decision — not the Council. This is no action to go ahead and *make* a four-year term; this is just the action to give the people of Romulus the opportunity to say whether they want it or they don't."

Councilwoman Mary Collins, who supported Prybyla and Crova, said she knew that the people had turned down four-year terms as recently as 1988, but explained, "The times are a changin', friends, and people are a changin' with the times. . . . Most [people I've spoken to] . . . were in favor of putting this on the ballot for the people to vote on."

"I think it is long overdue," she continued, "and I think . . . if it is put on the ballot and if it is voted on favorably by the people . . . [it will be] a major step forward for this community."

When further discussion (mostly concerning whether the petitioners' signatures had been "certified" by City Clerk Linda Choate) failed to resolve the issue, Councilman Jimmie Raspberry stated, "In order to settle this, I move at this time that we table this until the Clerk can certify [the petition signatures] and bring them back [to us]."

A roll-call vote of the Council produced six votes to table the issue, with Collins as the sole dissenter. □

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Pursuant to Part 625, Mineral Well, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, Notice is hereby given that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) will submit a permit application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Geological Survey Division, on approximately February 7, 1997 to drill a disposal well in Romulus, Michigan.

EDS proposes to drill and operate the disposal well to inject non-hazardous and hazardous liquid wastes after well tests verify the acceptability of the well to the State and the EPA for such uses. The EDS Well No. 2-20 surface location will be about 1320 feet from the north line and 404 feet from the west line of the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T3S, R9E in Wayne County, Michigan, which is about 1320 feet north of Northline Road, approximately 450' east of the CSX Railroad line and west of Wahrman Road. Liquids will be injected into a confined, porous rock formation approximately 4020 feet below the surface at an approximate bottom hole location described as 1920 feet from the north line and 404 feet from the west line of the SE 1/4 of Section 20.

A copy of the application will be available for inspection at the Romulus Public Library located at 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus, Michigan. Copies may also be obtained from EDS at cost by contacting Mr. Austin Marshall, Vice President of EDS, P.O. Box 74456, 26430 Northline Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 or at 1-313-955-2100.

Questions regarding the application or requirements of Act 451 of 1994 as amended (formerly 315 PA 1969 as amended) may be addressed to Mr. Thomas N. Wellman, Permit and Bonding Unit, Geologic Survey Division, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909, or at 1-517-334-6974. All written comments and responses will be made a part of the permit application.

Community Calendar

- **Banquet Honors Chamber's Person of the Year** — The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Person of the Year Awards Banquet honoring Geneva Clark will be held at the Romulus Marriott on Friday, March 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the Chamber Office; checks for the donation amount of \$30 per person should be brought in or mailed to the Chamber (located at 31200 Industrial Expressway in Romulus) no later than Friday, March 14. For more information, contact Karan Johnson, executive secretary, at 326-4290.
- **Little League Registration** — Romulus Little League Baseball will accept registrations for its 1997 season at the Romulus Recreation office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on the following dates: Friday, February 7 (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.); Friday, February 14 (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.); and Saturday, February 22 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Cost is \$25 per individual or \$40 per family. (Note: Every player must sell two cases of candy and/or donation cards or pay \$50 extra.) To register youths ages five to 18 (player's age as of July 31, 1997), a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee. Early registration is encouraged, since fund-raising money turned in by March 7 earns players a bonus!
- **Auditions for *The Wiz*** — Children ages five through eight are invited to audition for parts in the musical play *The Wiz*. Auditions will be held in the auditorium at Romulus High School (located at 9650 South Wayne Road) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. For more information, please contact Judy Thompson-Barthwell at the High School: 941-2170, ext. 503.
- **Lenten Season at St. Paul's** — St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) invites the public to attend the following events during the Lenten season: Worship (7 p.m. on February 12, 19, and 26, and March 5, 12, and 19); and All-you-can-eat Fish Dinners (5 to 7 p.m. on February 14, 21, and 28, and March 7, 14, 21, and 28) featuring baked and deep-fried fish, French-fried and scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, roll, macaroni, jello, dessert, and drink (tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages five through 11). For more information, call the Church at 753-9048.
- **Animal Shelter Sponsors "Dog Days"** — The Romulus Animal Shelter (located at the corner of Shook and Bibbins) will host its annual Dog Days program on Saturday, February 22, from 12 to 4 p.m. Discounted prices will be offered on a variety of dog and cat shots, and dog licenses may be purchased for \$5 for one year or \$13 for three years. For more information, call the Shelter: 942-7591.
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** — The Tons of Fun Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-1802.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** — The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its regular meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: March 5) at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Needs You!** — The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is working to host the first annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. (Next meeting: February 20.) For information, call Susan Watts at 941-0476.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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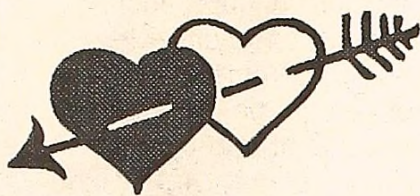
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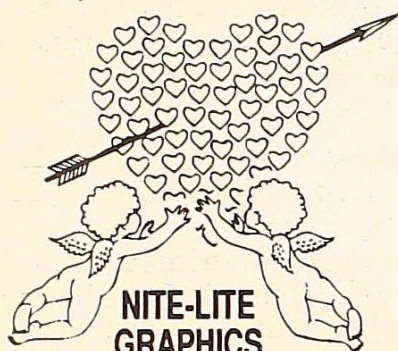
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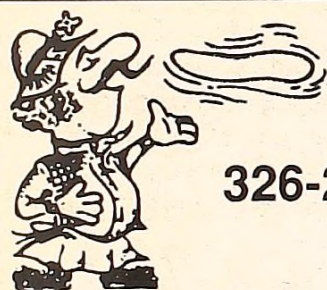
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RMS Students Win 104 Medals at District S& E Festival

Romulus Middle School (RMS) students won a total of 104 medals at the District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Livonia Franklin High School on Saturday, January 25, 1997.

Altogether, 76 RMS students participated in this year's event, with 41 of them garnering a combined 55 first-division medals. Twenty-three groups earned a "I" rating, while 19 groups received a "II" rating.

Band director Richard Kruse congratulated all the students who worked so hard on their events, and expressed his special thanks to the parents who supported their child(ren) on their special day.

First-division Winners

Nicole Bills and Stephen Potozek (clarinet duet); Joe Brown and Keith Timbrooks (clarinet duet); Krystal Jackson and Nicole McMurdy (clarinet duet); Nicole Bills, Andrea Gibson, and Christina Tieppo (clarinet trio); Joe Brown, Jasmine Clinkscales, and Keith Timbrooks (clarinet trio); Elizabeth Caburet, Dayna Dawson, and Deanna Hunter (clarinet trio); Krystal Jackson, Nicole McMurdy, and Lindsey Redding (clarinet trio); Elizabeth Caburet, Dayna Dawson, Jamie Hool, and Deanna Hunter (clarinet quartet); Nicole McMurdy,

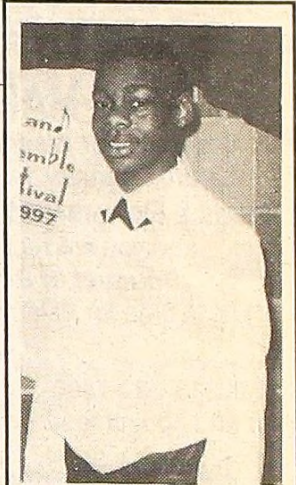
Shawn Phenix, Lindsey Redding, and Melissa Redding (clarinet quartet); Sarah Breeding and Jon Fisher (cornet duet); Renee Byard and Chauntaya King (cornet duet); Jerome Gray and Anson Long (cornet duet); Sarah Breeding, Jon Fisher, and Jerome Gray (cornet trio); Renee Byard, Jackie Griffith, and Amy Zilka (cornet trio); Kristin Brooks and Amanda Rhode (flute duet); Kristin Goddard and Amy Hudson (flute duet); Amy Hudson and Kim Mingo (flute duet); Kim Mingo and Kim Parker (flute duet); Rachel Broom, Ann Marie DeCamillo, and Kristin Goddard (flute trio); Amy Bowman and Angela Zajac (French horn duet); Jennifer Kiesznowski, Jasmine Mark, and Amelia McCray (saxophone trio); Joey Wasson (snare solo); and Jessica Kortas and Emily Schultz (trombone duet).

Second-division Recipients

Jackie Hamilton and Brandi Hines (baritone duet); Jackie Hamilton, Larry Harris, and Brandi Hines (baritone trio); Jamie Hool and Ashley Sloan (clarinet duet); Nikki Carr, Krystal Jackson, and Lindsey Redding (clarinet trio); Arlisha Hill, Shawn Phenix, and Melissa Redding (clarinet trio); Jennifer Case and Carly Gentile (cornet duet); Katie Kortas and Terri Speers (cornet duet); Nicole Abbott and Sarah Hankins (flute duet); Rachel Broom and Ann Marie DeCamillo (flute duet); Dana Noble and Michael Sandusky (flute duet); Amber Bowman, Kathy Brennan, and Jessica May (flute trio); Susan Blossom, Amy Bowman, and Angela Zajac (French horn trio); Miranda Burns and Adam Gibbons (alto saxophone duet); Jennifer Kiesznowski and Amelia McCray (alto saxophone duet); Talisa Garcia, Kristin Goddard, Jasmine Mark, and Chris Talley (alto saxophone quartet); Jasmine Clinkscales and Talisa Garcia (tenor saxophone duet); Stephanie Blackburn and David Boyd (trombone duet); and Stephanie Blackburn and Jennel Harper (trombone duet). □



Shawn Phenix, Lindsey Redding, Krystal Jackson, and Melissa Redding (clarinet quartet)



Joey Wasson (snare drum solo)



Nicole Bills and Stephen Potozek (clarinet duet)



Joe Brown and Keith Timbrooks (clarinet duet)



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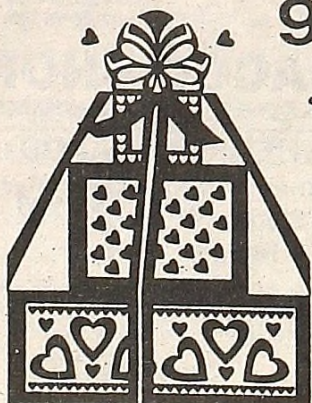
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Government Channel (Channel 40)

Mondays

Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council 7:30 p.m.
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The Mayor's Chair 6:30 p.m.
(rebroadcast – third Monday of each month)
Regular meetings of the Romulus Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
(live – third Monday of each month)

Tuesdays

Regular meetings of the Romulus Cable Commission 7:30 p.m.
(live – third Tuesday of each month)

Wednesdays

The Job Show 6:30 p.m.
(hosted by Michigan Employment Security Commission)
People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda 7:00 p.m.
(hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett;
this month's topic – Michigan's changing DNR)
Regular meetings of the Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 p.m.
(live – first Wednesday of each month)
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council 7:30 p.m.
(rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting –
second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)

Thursdays

People and Policy: A Common Sense Agenda 11:30 a.m.
(hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett;
this month's topic – Michigan's changing DNR)
Regular meetings of the Romulus City Council 12:00 p.m.
(rebroadcast of previous Monday's meeting –
first, second, and fourth Thursdays of each month)
The Mayor's Chair 6:30 p.m.
(live – second Thursday of each month;
this month's guests: Fire Chief David Allison and
Police Chief Charles Kirby)

Fridays

The Mayor's Chair 12:00 p.m.
(rebroadcast – second and third Friday of each month)

Public Access Channel (Channel 43)

Tuesdays

Miscellaneous tapes 11:00 a.m.
(tapes submitted by local schools and community groups)
The Jamal Rasheed Show 6:00 p.m.
4 Pro Forum 7:00 p.m.
(sports talk program – recorded weekly at Henry Ford
Community College – with a focus on professional hockey,
football, basketball, and baseball)

Wednesdays

The Christian Hour 6:00 p.m.
(Church of Christ, New Boston)

Thursdays

Miscellaneous tapes 11:00 a.m.
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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Mother/Son Dance

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Dance will be held at Romulus Middle School on Wednesday, February 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost of \$7 per couple (plus \$2 for each additional son) includes music, refreshments, one picture, and a flower for Mom. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Romulus Recreation Department by Friday, February 14.

Dance Classes

There's still time to register for the winter dance program, which began this week and will continue through March 24. Classes are held on Mondays at Romulus High School according to the following schedule:

- ballet (5 to 6 p.m.),
 - preschool dance (6 to 7 p.m.), and
 - adult dance & exercise (7 to 8 p.m.).
- Cost is \$25 for residents; \$30 for non-residents.

Beginning Keyboard

Children ages seven and up are eligible to sign up for the Romulus Recreation Department's beginning keyboard classes, which will be held at the Recreation building from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday beginning February 19 and continuing through March 26. Cost is \$33 for residents; \$36 for nonresidents. Participants must furnish their own keyboard.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men from Romulus (proper I.D. required) can drop in for basketball play from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday at the Middle School. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Adult Coed Volleyball

Also underway is a drop-in volleyball program open to adult Romulus residents (again, proper I.D. required). Play will be held at Wick School on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) is being conducted at Merriman (Wednesdays) and Wick (Thursdays) schools. Middle School students play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; High School students play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

U of D Titans Game

Kids eight and over (children seven and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to take a trip on Saturday, February 22, to watch Perry Watson and the University of Detroit Titans play Northern Illinois. (The bus will leave the Recreation building at 3 p.m. and return around 6:30 p.m.) Cost of \$2 includes transportation and supervision.

Black History Alive

In honor of Black History Month, Brown Sugar and Spice will present "Black History Alive" at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) on Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m.

Using instruments, storytelling, and African artifacts, this exciting program brings history to life and traces the black man's history in chronological sequence from ancient Africa to modern times. Topics will include Africa, The Middle Passage, Slavery, The Underground Railroad, and Black Inventors.

For more information about this free program, contact the Library (942-7589) during its regular open hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. (closed Friday and Sunday). □

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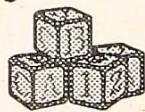
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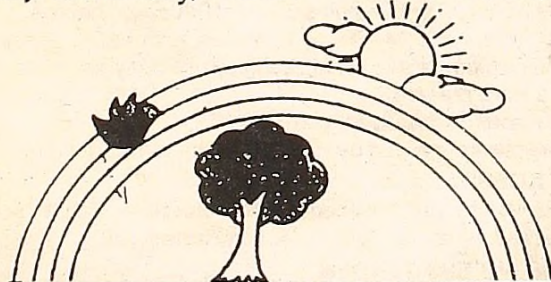
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of February: Betty Balcom, Frances Bredow, Laura Chesno, Ricky Covertt, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Hazel Foust, Hepsie Frederick, Thelma Griffin, Alfred Henson, Adeline Hoerl, Ruth Murphy, Ida Noble, Julia Traskos, James Wade, and Madeline Yearly.

Center Closed for Holidays

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, February 12, in recognition of President Lincoln's birthday, and on Monday, February 17, in honor of President's Day.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at the Belleville Meijer on Friday, February 21. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center will continue its sampling of foods from different cultures at this month's potluck dinner (set for Friday, February 28, at 1 p.m.), which will feature African-American cuisine in honor of Black History Month. A main dish of fried chicken (with an alternative of macaroni and cheese for those who do not want to eat meat) will be served. An added attraction will be songs performed by Ms. Sherry Rush, whom some of you may remember from her brief association with the "hot meals" program.

As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

Monkey Business at the Romulus Senior Center

This month's \$1 movie at the Romulus Senior Center — *Monkey Business*, starring Cary Grant, Ginger Rogers, and Marilyn Monroe — will be shown on Friday, February 21, beginning at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Paczki!

Make the most of Fat Tuesday's excuse to splurge on February 11 when the Romulus Senior Center will serve fresh paczkis ("poonchkies"), hot coffee, and juice from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost is just \$1. Sign up at the Center.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise.

Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program — a free consultation service for senior citizens — has been set for Wednesday, February 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Legal Aid

Wayne County residents who are at least 60 years of age can receive free legal assistance in most civil matters at Legal Aid clinics to be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, February 19**
William D. Ford Activity Center
6750 Troy
Taylor, Michigan
313-291-7740
- **Tuesday, March 4**
September Days Senior Center
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, Michigan
313-699-8919

No appointment is necessary; seniors are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Programs begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue until everyone (limit: 25 people) who has signed up by 10:30 a.m. has been seen.

For further information, please call 313-964-5310.

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on Monday, February 10, or Tuesday, February 11, beginning at 4 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.) □

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REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 13, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 13, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed all Board Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/97/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/97/2 Moved by Woods supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of December 9, 1996, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Langley). Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Sally Francisco, Part-time Social Worker, Effective January 6, 1997, and Jadie Kieft, EMI Teacher, Barth School, Effective January 6, 1997.

LAYOFF – Romulus/Baron's School of Choice: Heather Carson, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Michelle Krzeminski, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Soteria Merry, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Shawn Smith, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; Frederick Strickland, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; Ethlyn Vogler, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Lee West, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; and J.C. Gabanyon Natt, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996.

(Information only) EMPLOYMENT: Janice Brothers, In-House Para, Middle School, Effective January 8, 1997.

1/97/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation of Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, and approve the personnel actions as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

1/97/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the Addendum to the Personnel Actions and approve the employment of Rochelle Watson, Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective December 16, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

1/97/5 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Technology Report

1/97/6 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve Bond Issue expenditures of \$26,873.00 for the installation of scan converters on monitors at the Middle and High Schools as per the attached. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cooperative Recreation Programs

1/97/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley that the Board approve the City of Romulus Saturday Recreation Program to begin January 11 and continue until the Easter break at a cost not to exceed \$3,400 for custodial services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Preliminary on MEAP

Dr. Bedell summarized the statewide results of the MEAP scores and stated that he will present our scores at an upcoming Board meeting.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience directed their comments and/or concerns to members of the Board of Education regarding high school proficiency tests and split classes.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) "Thanks" from Phyllis Adkins; 2) "Thanks" from BC/BS Honor Corps; 3) Henry James "Thanks" – Winter Band Concert; 4) Judy Thompson "Thanks" – Dance/Vocal Concert; 5) Barth Talent Development Committee; 6) McPharlin – Chairperson for the MIEM Conference; 7) WC/RESA – Baron's State Audit; and 8) Finance Committee Minutes.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek stated that, at the Professional Business Competition held on Saturday, January 11, 1997, we received complaints regarding our clocks.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi discussed elementary students having access to coat closets.

Mr. Howard J. Kesner requested that we check the heat in certain rooms at the High School.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Florence Satterlee as well as Ms. Judith Berry of Brighton for their work on the Business Professionals Workshop held on Saturday, January 11, 1997.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi stated that visitors to our district compliment us on the condition of our buildings and the behavior of our children.

Executive Session

1/97/8 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek that the Board Convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:07 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:56 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/97/9 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 15, 1997

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 15, 1997 was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed all Board Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/97/10 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Status Report on Initiatives

Ms. Phyllis Adkins presented for the School Community Committee.

Ms. Linda Cook presented for the Technology Committee.

Mr. Earl Cornett presented for the Pre-School Committee and Mr. Michael Teasdale presented a "Strawman" proposal on extended kindergarten.

Mr. Daniel Hurst/Ms. Lynne Mossoian/Mr. Ed Clark presented for the Outcomes and Assessment Committee.

Mr. Claude Siders presented for the Climate Committee.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following recommendations for Board approval.

LAYOFF due to enrollment loss – Romulus/Baron's School of Choice: Michelle Krzeminski, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Soteria Merry, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Shawn Smith, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; Frederick Strickland, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; Ethlyn Vogler, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996; Lee West, Teacher, Effective December 13, 1996; and J.C. Gabanyon Natt, Teacher, Effective December 16, 1996.

1/97/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Gondek to approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1/97/12 Moved by Langley supported by Gondek that the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:11 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/97/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 21, 1997

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 was called to order at 5:44 P.M. by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Roll call showed Members Sandra F. Langley and Betty M. Lenossi absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Mrs. Langley entered the meeting at 5:54 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kenneth E. Berlinn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/97/14 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Thomas Schwarze, Attorney, was present along with the Policy Committee Members and discussed proposed changes and answered questions posed by both the Board of Education and Committee.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

The Board discussed with staff the high school proficiency test, especially in the area of science. The various members stressed that they expect secondary science instruction to prepare students to do well on the state proficiency test.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

1/97/15 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Michael D. Calvert

Michael D. Calvert died on Thursday, January 23, 1997, at the age of 26. The resident of Redford, Michigan, was born on June 17, 1970.

He is survived by his mother, Brenda Calvert (Romulus, MI); his father, Gary Calvert (Columbia, TN); his grandparents, Evelyn Pollard (Romulus, MI) and Cecil and Marie Calvert (Columbia, TN); and three sisters, Erica, Kimberly, and Christy Calvert (all of Romulus, MI).

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 27, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Otis Buchan officiating. Burial was at the Romulus Cemetery.

Russell E. Ferch

Russell E. Ferch of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 27, 1997. He was 71 years old.

Russell, who had been employed as a security guard, was born in Muskegon, Michigan, on April 2, 1925, and served in the United States Army during World War II. He and his wife of 31 years, Marian L. Ferch, were married in Detroit, Michigan, on May 29, 1965.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Frank (and his wife Roxanne) Esch (Chatham, Ontario, Canada) and Robert (and his wife Frances) Esch (Moss-pointe, MS); one daughter, Irene (and husband Gerald) Wendland (Romulus, MI); nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 29, at Vermeulen Funeral Home (Plymouth, MI), with the Reverend John Lehner (St. Norberts Church, Inkster, MI) officiating. Interment was at Fort Custer National Cemetery (Augusta, MI).

Roy E. Hartford, Sr.

Roy E. Hartford, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, January 22, 1997, at the age of 58.

A retiree of Kelsey-Hayes, Roy was born in Belleville, Michigan, on October 6, 1938. He and his wife of more than 21 years, Gerene A. (Duty) Hartford, were married in Romulus, Michigan, on April 4, 1975.

Roy is survived by his wife; one son, Roy Hartford, Jr. (Romulus, MI); one stepson, Donald Leonard (Romulus, MI); five brothers, Lloyd (Willis, MI), Clarence, Samuel (Maybee, MI), James (Wayne, MI), and Orville Hartford (Wayne, MI); one sister, Mrs. Dick (Margaret) Cox (Romulus, MI); and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Bradford Lewis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Bernice Mabel Kamin

Bernice Mabel Kamin of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, January 25, 1997. She was 70 years old.

The Romulus native was born on October 8, 1926.

Bernice is survived by her mother, Agnes Kamin; two brothers, Kenneth Henry and John M. Kamin; two sisters, Ms. Linda Kamin and Miss Nancy Kamin; three nieces and nephews; and three great-nieces and -nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 30, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New Boston, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allmann officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Earl Robert Keyser

Earl Robert Keyser of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, January 23, 1997, at the age of 19.

A native of Little Fall, New York, Earl was born on January 11, 1978.

He is survived by his mother, Kayhleen Keyser (Romulus, MI); his father, Earl R. Keyser; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie (Judy) Moshier (Lake Fall, NY) and Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Barbara) Keyser (Butler, GA); his brother, Thomas J. Etminan (Romulus, MI); and two sisters, Amber and Danielle Keyser (both of Romulus, MI).

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Mr. Clinton Dare officiating. Burial was at the Romulus Cemetery. □

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Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Amanda Marie Nowakowski, are Mark and Iris Nowakowski of Wyoming, Michigan.

Amanda was born in Blodgett Hospital (Grand Rapids, MI) at 3:12 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 1997, weighing in at five pounds, 13 ounces, and measuring 18¾ inches in length.

Especially excited about Amanda's arrival was her big brother, Joshua Miguel.

Also welcoming the new arrival were Amanda's paternal grandparents, Jim and Janet Nowakowski of Romulus, Michigan; her maternal grandparents, Juan and Adolfinia Cruz of Ortega, Puerto Rico; and her paternal great-grandmothers, Mrs. Irene Nowakowski of Romulus, Michigan, and Mrs. Leona Schorling of Wayne, Michigan.



Amanda Marie Nowakowski

Jacob Wayne Powell

Joseph Powell and Kimberly Timbrooks of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Jacob Wayne Powell.

Jacob was born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 10:15 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 1997, weighing in at

nine pounds, five ounces, and measuring 22 inches in length.

Keith and Barbara Ratcliff of Briton, Michigan, are Jacob's paternal grandparents; his maternal grandparents are Mike and Sherry Timbrooks of Romulus, Michigan.

Sarah Jean Wadsworth

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Sarah Jean Wadsworth, are John and Julie Wadsworth of Romulus, Michigan.

Sarah was born in Providence Hospital (Novi, MI) at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 1997, weighing in at eight pounds, eight ounces, and measuring 22 inches in length.

Also giving a warm and loving welcome to their family's newest member are Sarah's paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wadsworth of Romulus, Michigan, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clayton of Gibraltar, Michigan. □



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